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### **Memorial Day holiday, summer hours announced for Cultural Heritage Center**

PIERRE, S.D. – The museum in the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre is open Monday, May 28, for the Memorial Day holiday from 1-4:30 p.m. CDT.

All other offices of the South Dakota State Historical Society in the Cultural Heritage Center, including the State Archives, are closed on Monday.

The museum is open this Saturday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1-4:30 p.m.

Starting Tuesday, May 29, and running through Labor Day in September, the museum will be open extended hours – Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Sundays and holidays from 1-4:30 p.m.

“We hope people take advantage of the extra hours and visit the museum in the Cultural Heritage Center,” said Jay D. Vogt, director of the South Dakota State Historical Society. “We’re sure it will be a memorable experience for people of all ages.”

The museum’s new, hands-on, “Our South Dakota: Big Land/Big Ideas/Big Heart” exhibit has proven to be very popular with children and people of all ages. Among other things, visitors can “harvest” corn in a combine simulator and measure themselves against a model of George Washington’s 22-foot nose from Mount Rushmore.

“The hands-on exhibit ‘Our South Dakota’ was so much fun and I hope it can become permanent – it’s almost a book in itself and way more interesting for the kids!” said Margaret King, a middle school teacher from Armour.

Museum admission is free for children 17-and-younger; there is a small fee for adults ages 18-and-older.

Public hours for the archives research room remain unchanged -- 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and the first Saturday of each month.

For more information, visit [www.history.sd.gov](http://www.history.sd.gov) or call (605) 773-3458.

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